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AMENDMENT A

SIR:

In response to the Office action dated September 11, 1995, applicant requests entry of the following amendments:

In the Claims

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1. (Amended) In a prosthesis including a shell having screw holes therein, and a liner which is received by said shell, the improvement comprising a seal between said shell and liner to restrict migration of foreign material between said liner and shell to said screw holes.

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5. (Amended) The prosthesis of Claim 4 wherein said shell includes a relatively flat surface for receiving said at least one ridge.

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6. (Amended) The prosthesis of Claim 5 wherein each of said at least one ridges is an annulus integrally formed on said liner, and said surface is sized and spaced to receive

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